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Cover Photos, Clockwise:

■ Digging for shellfish is just one of dozens of popular outdoor activities, all competing for a spot on Washington's limited waterways. Tourism photo

■ Table Mountain Natural Resource Conservation Area above Columbia River Gorge offers habitat for rare plants, deer, cougars, and falcons. M. Ichisaka

■ A log shovel sorts logs at a landing at a logging operation on DNR-managed land in eastern Washington. Behind the shovel is the tower of a yarder which uses long cables to pull cut down trees to the landing. DNR photo

■ Apples are one of the many products grown on DNR-leased land. DNR photo

Photo in upper right:

■ Fall leaves in a Capitol State Forest stream.

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DNR has varied responsibilities

Created in 1957, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is charged with caring for and managing more than 5 million acres of forest, range, commercial, agricultural, and aquatic lands. These lands produce income to support state services and provide many other public benefits as well: outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and clean air and water.

DNR also regulates surface mining reclamation and forest debris burning, and administers forest practices rules on private and state-owned forests.

DNR provides technical assistance and education on forest stewardship, mining, geologic hazards, and rare plant species and ecosystems, and provides wildfire protection for 12 million acres of private and state-owned forests.

What's inside

This annual report contains information required by the following statutes:

RCW 79.01.744

- Description of agency activity, fiscal and other.
- Timber harvest and forest management data responding to Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1826, 1997 Legislative session.

RCW 76.12.110 and 79.64.030

- Accounting of land management payments made by one fund on behalf of the other.

In addition, the report includes profiles of land managed by DNR for specific trusts. The profiles update data presented in DNR's 1997 *State of the Trusts* report.